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City Manager Eileen Donoghue Mayor William Samaras
And
Members of the City Council

Re: Update on Annual Municipal Lien Auction Sale

Dear Manager Donoghue, Mayor Samaras and Members of the City Council:

I write to update the council as to our annual lien auction sale. On March 1, 2019 letters were mailed to delinquent property owners informing them of the upcoming lien auction sale. An advertisement of all affected parcels will appear on April 10, 2019 in *The Sun*. Additionally, a second and final letter will be sent to tax delinquent property owners on April 12, 2019.

Following the issuance of our March 1, 2019 letter, approximately \$368,139 in taxes has been collected.

The first lien action sale began in 2012 following a motion by Councilor Kennedy. That year, nearly Two Million dollars in uncollected tax revenue was collected. Once this year's auction is complete, the Law Department will provide the council with a comprehensive report summarizing these collection efforts since 2012.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Eda Matchak, Dir. Of Elections/Municipal Hearings Officer

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